

*sub B1*  
-- 23. The compound 2 (2-amino-1,6-dihydro-6-oxo-purin-9-yl)-methoxy-3-hydroxy-1-propanyl-L-valinate hydrochloride.

*A2*  
24. <sup>2</sup> An antiviral pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of Claim <sup>1</sup> 23 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

*sub B2*  
25. A method of treating an animal afflicted with a herpes viral infection, comprising administering a therapeutically acceptable amount of the compound of Claim 23 to the animal.

<sup>4</sup>  
26. <sup>1</sup> The method of Claim <sup>3</sup> 25 where the compound is administered orally.

*sub C1*  
27. <sup>5</sup> The method of Claim <sup>3</sup> 25 where the herpes viral infection is a cytomegalovirus infection. <sup>5</sup>

<sup>6</sup>  
28. The method of Claim <sup>5</sup> 27 wherein the compound is administered orally. --

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